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1. Former Waffen-SS General Herbert Gille has cancelled his plan for a general German SS rally in 1962, and instead plans merely to invite representatives of the former German SS units to a convention of district chiefs of the former SS members' Mutual Assistance Association (Hilfsgemeinschaft auf Gegenseitigkeit der ehemaligen Waffen-SS Angehörigen) (HLAG) to be held in Hamburg in March 1962.

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2. To prepare for that convention, present NIAG chiefs held a meeting in January 1952 at Arolsen, Hesse. It was decided then to divide West Germany into 14 districts for NIAG organizational purposes and to complete this task by March. The newly elected district chiefs would then assemble at Hamburg to decide together with the delegates of the SS associations in The Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland upon a common policy.

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3. Gille has stated he will suggest a strictly nonpolitical platform for HLAG, which should devote itself to aiding needy members and act as a missing persons bureau. He envisages the HLAG as an expansion of the present Viking Call (Viking-luf) which Gille formed for members of his former command. He believes that HLAG can be made self-sustaining through the operation of a mail-order bookstore, all surplus funds of which would be used to aid incarcerated members and their families.

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4. Gille, in agreement with former General Paul Hauser, at present sitting in Ludwigsburg, would limit membership to former Waffen-SS war veterans to the exclusion of general (Allgemeine) SS unless they had military service. The same applies to former Gestapo members.

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5. Gille is ignorant of any plans of former General Hans Guderian to form a new veterans' organization, although he is in constant communication with the latter. Guderian together with Gille and Hauser, is opposed to the BfV-VDS plan presented by General Linde which would deny former SS men the benefits accorded veterans by Law No. 131. Gille ascribes the fact to Linde that former SS-men have so far been unable to obtain these benefits.

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6. Gille stated that Guderian had not approached him about a new organization, but that he would be ready any time to form an organization with him that did not prejudice former Waffen SS-men. This would bring him at least 250,000 more members, he concluded.

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